

LFSAB1803 2015-2016

Economy of the firm

3.0 credits

30.0 h

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Language :	Français Louvain-la-Neuve					
Place of the course						
Inline resources:	> http://icampus.uclouvain.be/claroline/course/index.php?cid=FSAB180386a					
Prerequisites :	None					
Main themes :						
	Introduction to macroeconomics: This introduction will be covered in two lectures, and aims at positioning the companies in the general economic framework. The main concepts necessary to understand the economic environment of companies are introduced. Economic analysis of companies and markets, including a rigorous introduction to the relevant microeconomic notions, and a presentation of the main approaches and schools of thought. Investment choices, which require knowledge of stocks and cash flows and determining the decision and its consequences.					
Aims :	Contribution of the course to the program objectives Regarding the learning outcomes of the program of Bachelor in Engineering, this course contributes to the development and the acquisition of the following learning outcomes: L 0 1.1, 1.2 L 0 2.6, 2.7 Specific learning outcomes of the course More precisely, at the end of the course the students will be able to Concerning perfect competition: State and analyse critically the hypothesis of perfect competition, and identify situations in which they do not hold true; explain the model usefulness Define explain and compute the notions of utility, demand curve and elasticity. Define and explain the different notions of cost (including average cost, marginal cost, long terms/short term), compute these costs, use them to make economic decisions and see their impact on the supply curve. Explain situations of economies/diseconomies of scales, their impact on economic decisions and 'economic rents'. Concerning monopoly Explain isituations of monopoly, the different sorts of monopolies (including natural monopoly), and several methods to regulate monopolies and monopolistic competition is optimal, and define different types of Pareto-optimal situations Concerning monopoly Define and identify the impact of these situations on the market players. Concerning digopolies Define and identify different cases of oligopolies, including cartels. Explain and quantify the impact of these situations on the market players. Concerning accountancy and time-adjusted values Define and equality the impact of these situations on the market players. Concerning accountancy and time-adjusted values Define and compute different inclustors on the market players. Compute equilibriums and relevant economic values in these various situations. "Concerning accountancy and time-adjusted values Define and compute different inclustors of the value of future and past cash flows. Use these values in simple cases. Define					
Evaluation methods :	 The teaching method involves Lectures illustrated by real examples taken from actual business cases and current economic events. Simple quizzes proposed online after each lecture allowing students to check if they have understood the notions seen in the lectures and illustrating these notions. Solving application-oriented and advanced problems. 					

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Content :	The macroeconomic context of businesses and markets, some important and relevant economic values (global demand, consumption, investments') Economic analysis of business and markets-Fundamentals of economic sciences. Perfect competition model: assumptions, properties, and use as a limit case. Monopoly theory: assumptions, price discrimination, monopoly as a limit case, regulation of monopolies Oligopolies: Assumptions, multiple models of oligopolistic competition, comparison of the price mechanisms with those of monopolies and of markets in perfect competition, product differentiation and cartels Investment choices, formal analysis of cash flows Basic accountancy notions Critical presentation of the different methods to evaluate investments. Introduction to the uncertainty issues. Cost analysis: The various notions of cost: marginal, average, cost, cost, direct and allocated, short term vs long term and cost of capital.
Bibliography :	Lecture notes available on icampus
Faculty or entity in charge:	BTCI

Programmes / formations proposant cette unité d'enseignement (UE)						
Intitulé du programme	Sigle	Credits	Prerequis	Acquis d'apprentissage		
Master [120] in Chemistry	CHIM2M	3	-	٩		
Bachelor in Engineering	FSA1BA	3	-	٩		